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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Thomas Poy, Chief
Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (WG-15J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Mr. Poy:

Thank you for your May 26, 2017, letter to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division (DWMAD), requesting compliance status updates on selected drinking water systems in Michigan. Your office identified 69 systems for which comments were requested. Requests fall into two categories of concern: (1) monitoring violations and MCL violations and (2) lead action level exceedances (ALEs). Regarding the first category, our office is providing updates on three Community Water Systems (CWSs) and 18 Noncommunity Water Systems (NCWSs). Additionally, there are nine CWSs and 40 NCWSs in the second category.

Regarding lead ALEs, updates were provided wherever information was requested in the spreadsheets (attached). One part of your letter and questions inserted into the spreadsheet (Tab 6), refer to the issue of unreported lead public education and lead consumer notification violations for, mostly, noncommunity systems. The NCWS program does not currently have the means to report these violations to the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS). Also, in the case of many older exceedances, the program had not yet implemented the lead consumer notice requirement of the Lead and Copper Rule. Currently, it is fully implemented, except for the SDWIS reporting.

For all of these water systems, necessary updates and corrections to the related data records will be provided in our quarterly SDWIS update, due in August 2017.

Your letter also identifies two CWSs and 15 NCWSs that the MDEQ should consider referring to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for escalated enforcement. At this time, we conclude there are no good candidates for referral. VFW National Home returned to compliance and Boysville was temporarily deactivated as a public water supply. The MDEQ is working with the local health departments overseeing the 15 NCWSs requested for referral. For those still out of compliance, escalated enforcement will be expected if it is not already under way.

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If you have further questions, please contact Mr. Dan Dettweiler, Unit Supervisor, Noncommunity Water Supplies Unit, Environmental Health Section, DWMAD, at 517-284-6525, dettweilerd@michigan.gov, or MDEQ, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Oswald", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eric Oswald, Division Director
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517-284-6544

Attachment

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